







The Stewardship Team extends deep thanks to our 12 hosts for the Stewardship progressive dinner event: The Collins, Cosgrove/Wait, Eidman, Feliciano, Hood, O'Brien, Pascarella, Raymond, Reeves, Schmidt, Smith and Twiname families. The event is November 12 and starts with nibbles and noshing @ church @ 6PM. Then you'll be matched with one of these fine host families to enjoy dinner and dessert at their home.

With thanks for future-looking generosity, we recognize the founding members of the Green's Farms Church Planned Giving Society.

- Bob and Karen Atkins
- Walter Eads
- Thad and Martha Eidman
- Margot Hayward
- Marie Jennings Kamberg
- James and Mary Ellen Marpe
- Phyllis McCoy
- Tony and Sarah Menchaca
- Steve and Diane Parrish
- Ginger Tobey
- Rick and Mary Towers
- John and Carolyn Twiname



We prayerfully ask that you might consider Green's Farms Church as you review your estate planning. Notification of any changes you might make to your plan is most appreciated, via the church office.

We also especially recognize and thank John Twiname for both the energy and vision he contributed to this new program.

Your Stewardship Team,  
Mark and Jane Mastrianni

**MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER**

Green's Farms Church has moved its brokerage account to which we receive gifted stock. It is now at an entirely different financial institution so please ask JoAnne Labella, in the church office, or Andrea Register, treasurer, for a copy of the most current instructions before making a stock donation.

Please contact Andrea with any questions by email, [andrearegister@optonline.net](mailto:andrearegister@optonline.net) or phone, 203-216-6792. Also, please remember to inform the treasurer that the stock is on its way as our broker does not alert us of its arrival or provide the name of the donor to us. Thank you!



The Green's Farms Church High School Youth Group is called ICTHUS. This is an acronym created from the Greek words which translated to English mean, "Jesus Christ, Son of God, our Savior." This Fish symbol was used in the early Church, when the Christians were being persecuted by the Romans.

Christians then needed to be careful when dealing with strangers for fear of identification as a Christian and persecution. Most travelers carried staffs when they walked. When you encountered someone, you would draw an arch in the ground with your staff. If the other person drew a reverse arch over yours it would form the Fish symbol. Both people would then know that they could safely talk about being Christian. This symbol was also used to mark meeting places and houses of Christian worship.

Icthus was busy in October!

- ◇ Care packages were stuffed with goodies and personal notes to our Icthus alumni who are away at college.
- ◇ We hosted guests from the Council of Churches CO-OP Re-entry program and Sacred Heart's Criminal Justice Department for pizza and a special event. Our guests staged a *To Tell the Truth* like game show where our audience of 25 kids asked questions of each of the "contestants" in an effort to guess which one had recently been released from prison. It was a powerful learning experience for all.
- ◇ Karen & Alison accompanied 27 high schoolers to Six Flags FRIGHT FEST for an afternoon and evening of frightful FUN!

Join us in November! Here is what is on the calendar so far:

- ◇ We will be hosting the men of Pivot House for dinner and fellowship on Thursday, November 10. This is an annual favorite for both Icthus and Pivot. Please arrive by 5 p.m. with a plate of yummys to share.
- ◇ On Thursday, November 17 we are off to West Side Story at Staples to cheer on our talented Icthus friends. We have reserved a block of seats. Your \$9 will guarantee your ticket. First come, first served.
- ◇ We will have a Parent's Mission Trip Meeting sometime in November. Watch your email and bulletin for details.
- ◇ Happy Thanksgiving!

See the December STEEPLE for our end of year plans.



All kinds of wonderful things are happening in our Sunday School classrooms thanks to the creative adults who keep finding new ways to share their faith with our students each week. Recently the first grade class worked with **Sally McNeela** and **Nicole McNees** to create autumn bouquets to share with a friend or someone they know as a way of living out Jesus' new commandment, "Love one another as I have loved you." Sally and her daughter **Annie** took the lesson outside of the classroom and brought one of the arrangements to Walter Eads at his new home in Trumbull and he wrote them this note of thanks.

*To My 1st Grade Friends and Annie,*

*Thank you for the beautiful flowers and vase. It is so nice to be remembered by friends at GFC, and your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.*

*I hope you will enjoy your Sunday class & learn much that will add to your enjoyment and spiritual growth.*

*Again many many thanks.*

*Walter Eads*

Thank you, Walter, we couldn't have said it better ourselves! Thanks also to Workshop Rotation teachers **Lynn Anvari**, **Sarah and Billy Dransfield**, **Liz West**, **Allie Daut**, and **Kirsten Flicker** who, like Sally have been busy making Sunday classes places where the Bible Detectives can learn much that will add to their enjoyment and spiritual growth.

**Sunday, November 20** is Thanksgiving Sunday which can mean only one thing in Sunday School - our annual **Festival Day!** You may remember last year's **Biblical School of Cooking** when we explored the foods and table traditions of Jesus' time, or past years when we competed in **PlagueFest** or went on a treasure **Hunt for the Still, Small Voice**. This year we'll be wrapping up our study of the end of John's gospel, "As I have Loved You" by holding a **Love Feast** or Agape meal with a twist - we're including a foot washing ceremony just like the one that Jesus performed at the Last Supper. Be sure to come in sandals or easy to remove boots (no tights). Parents and friends, if you would like to help provide food or join us that morning for a foot washing service to remember we welcome all volunteers who would like to be a part of this special day.

Always a blessing to grow in faith with you,  
Lynn Rider



## Green's Farm's Church Children's Nativity Pageant Sunday, December 18 @ 10 a.m.

- \* 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will be cast as main pageant characters. Sign up before Thanksgiving in order to be considered for lead roles.
- \* Kids--age 4 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade--will play angels, shepherds, stars, sheep, donkeys, etc.
- \* The Advent Sunday School Season will be dedicated to learning & singing Christmas carols, reading & rehearsing, crafting & costum-ing...as we joyfully prepare our hearts for Christmas.
- \* Parent helpers are always needed and appreciated.

Rehearsals will take place during Sunday School during Advent.  
There is a Mandatory Dress Rehearsal on Saturday, December 17 @10 a.m.



# Sign Up!

Sign up via Interest Sheet during worship or in Social Hall during coffee hour or email Alison [afisher@greensfarmschurch.org](mailto:afisher@greensfarmschurch.org)

## Gift of Giving Tree



The Gift of Giving Tree Project is a wonderful collaborative example of Green's Farms Church connecting @ church in order to spread Christmas joy to the wider community.

The Middle School students create ornaments in Sunday School which the Outreach Department labels with specific wishes of needy local families provided by Christian Community Action in Norwalk. This year there will also be ornaments describing Christmas wishes of the Simply Smiles children on Cheyenne Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. You choose an ornament, deliver the gift to church and make someone's wish come true.

The tree will be set up in the Social Hall during Advent. Watch your bulletin and the GFC website for more details and dates. Plan to participate in this fabulous hands-on Outreach opportunity.



Our Advent Candlelight Vesper Service will be held on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 PM in the Meetinghouse. Please save the date and plan to attend this contemplative candlelight service . Icthus invites you to the Parlor following the service for fellowship and refreshments.





## MUSIC NEWS

Eileen Hunt, Minister of Music

As I write these words on a beautiful, sunny October day, our GFC musicians have already been rehearsing music for December for several weeks! We have some marvelous music coming up for the months of November and December, celebrating the seasons of Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. I'd like to share a few highlights with you.

On November 20, trumpeter Kenneth Tedeschi and timpanist James Allen will join with our choir, soloists and me for a festive Thanksgiving service. I am hoping that we will be back in the Meetinghouse by then, so that all of the music we have planned will actually be able to happen! We plan to feature works of Bach, Handel and Vaughan-Williams. It promises to be a wonderful morning, for sure! On November 27, the first Sunday of Advent, violinist Mark Rike will join us for some gorgeous music for the season of Advent. You will not want to miss this beautiful beginning to our Advent celebration.

Looking ahead to December, I am very excited to share with you plans for our annual Advent Music Sunday, scheduled for December 11. We will be presenting the world premiere of Westport composer Edward Thompson's *A Celtic Noel*. You may recall that Ed was one of our commissioned composers for our 300th celebration last year. His new works were very enthusiastically received by our singers and by the congregation. This new work has a very interesting background story. About a year ago, I asked Ed if he would consider making some arrangements of several Breton folk songs for our choir. I had found a wonderful CD of Breton Christmas music, sung by a fascinating Breton choir, but none of the music was published. Since the songs are folk songs, there was no copyright issue! The musical instrumentation for traditional Breton music is borrowed from the Celtic tradition, and I thought that introducing traditional Celtic instruments to our choir and congregation would be a challenging and interesting project. Ed promised to take the project under consideration, and I told him there was no rush. Fast forward to mid-August, 2011: I returned from vacation and had a message from Ed saying that he had some sketches for me to look at. During the summer, Ed had become inspired to work on this project, and he decided to open up the project to include traditional Irish, Scottish and Welsh music and texts, along with the Breton which I loved. We sat in the choir room one day in August and he played through his sketches for me; I was immediately in love with the music and the project. Imagine my utter surprise and delight when he called me two weeks later to say that *the piece was finished!!* We had a read through on September 5, my birthday, and the work is absolutely brilliant!! Ed has scored it for choir, soloists, organ, harp, tin whistle, and Uilleann pipes!! The tin whistle and the Uilleann Pipes (pronounced "ee-lan") are both traditional Celtic instruments. The Uilleann Pipes are Irish pipes, meant to be played indoors, and are very different from the Scottish pipes in both sound and appearance.

I decided to change my original December plan, because I could not bear the idea of having to wait until 2012 to present this fabulous music to our congregation. Our next challenge was locating performers of tin whistle and Uilleann Pipes who would be available and would be up to the challenge of the parts. I am delighted to report success on both counts!! We will have our own little Celtic Band with us on December 11 for our service. Ed delivered the completed score and parts to me on September 27, and we rolled up our sleeves and got to work. Besides the thrill of working on this new music, we are also learning to sing a few phrases in Gaelic and a few in Breton! The instrumentation for this work is absolutely brilliant; it is sparkling in sound and very idiomatic to the Celtic musical tradition. The work is gorgeous, and very singable for singers of all abilities and expertise. For any of you who would like to join with us for presenting the premiere of this work, and a GFC "first" in having Celtic musicians with us, please consider joining our rehearsals in November. We will meet on November 3, 10, 17 and December 1, 8 in the Choir Room. Our Celtic musicians will be with us on December 8 for rehearsal, as well as on December 11. Rehearsals are 7:45-9:15 PM. Singers of all ages and abilities are warmly invited to enjoy this beautiful Celtic music with us. My enthusiasm and delight about this project are overwhelming! I am also happy to report that our Unitarian neighbors, Ed's congregation, will enjoy the same music with the same guest musicians on Sunday, December 18. What a wonderful turn of events this fall. See you at choir!

## GFC SENIOR EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30 – CHRISTMAS SHOW AT RADIO CITY

Board our chartered coach bus at GFC between 10 and 10:15 AM.

Pre-paid show tickets will be distributed on the bus.

The bus fare payable on the bus will be the rental cost divided by the number of passengers.

Currently the estimated cost is  $\$895/32 = \$28$  per person.

It is suggested that you bring a sandwich for lunch as only light snacks (hot dogs, chips, popcorn and soda) are available at Radio City. There is not enough time to go to a crowded nearby restaurant.

Our guided backstage tours start at 12:15 and 12:30.

The Christmas Show starts at 2 PM.

We expect to be back at GFC about 5:30 PM

### THURSDAY DECEMBER 15 – ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AT GFC

Mark your calendar and plan on joining us at this festive Holiday Event. Details will be communicated late in November.

**FUTURE EVENT PLANS:** Please communicate your suggestions for proposed 2012 Senior Events before November 30 to Wayne at: [wbalfanz@optonline.net](mailto:wbfanz@optonline.net) or 203 762-2063. I will compile a master list and we will do our priority voting on a scale of 1-5 on the bus trip to Radio City.

## SEPTEMBER ADVENTURE



GFC Seniors after an action packed, sometimes bumpy cruise around the Thimble Islands where pirates used to hang out.



Wading back to our cars. High tide and a storm surge caused local flooding.

**REMINDER :** DVDs of memories of the Ed Strait and Bill Bryant eras are available at the Church Office for take home viewing and return.



## Mission: 1

*One United Church on a shared mission for 11 powerful days to feed the hungry and confront food-related injustice. This is Mission: 1.*

**11.1.11 – 11.11.11**

***"that they may all be one"...John 17:21***

As an extension of our 300th Anniversary "Renew" campaign, Green's Farms Church will participate in **Mission: 1** by identifying and supporting eleven hunger and food-related causes. We need YOU!

**Food Drive** – Organizations we support with food drives are in need! Let's fill our grocery cart ELEVEN times and help to restock pantry shelves! Food will be collected every Sunday and during the week. Smack in the middle of 11-1-11 and 11-11-11 is Sunday, November 6, our next communion Sunday, and our biggest push for food collection.



**Gillespie Center** – Westport's shelter feeds many people every day. GFC has committed to serve dinner twice each month. This wonderful and rewarding outreach opportunity is perfect for a family or a small group. ELEVEN more dinner hosts will bring us to next October!

**Simply Smiles** – The Simply Smiles Village Project in the mountains near Oaxaca, Mexico helps to feed the impoverished people of this region and to make coffee farming a viable way of life again. Help support this effort! Pick up a bag (or eleven!) of Simply Smiles coffee during Social Hour. Only \$11 each. Proceeds from the sale of ONE bag will feed ONE child for three weeks. ELEVEN bags will feed ONE child for eight months!



**Community Thanksgiving Dinner** – For 40 years, a huge Thanksgiving meal is served and shared at Saugatuck Church on Thanksgiving Day. This celebration is open to people in the Westport area from all walks of life, including the homeless, church members and folks who simply want to share a meal with others. Thanks to the leaders who have already stepped up. Volunteers are still needed to help pull off this event and everyone is invited to come share in the Feast.



**Hungry Hearts** – Each month (for ELEVEN months so far!) our Middle Schoolers, in partnership with our Education & Outreach Departments, prepare 200 bag lunches for the people at Norwalk Emergency Shelter.



**Cookies & Conversation** – Another Outreach/Education collaboration has our Middle Schoolers spending one Sunday per month baking cookies (a minimum of ELEVEN dozen...usually more!) while learning about an agency that GFC supports. The goodies go to the organization of the day.

**CROP Walk for Hunger** – On Sunday, April 29, GFC will participate in the Westport/Weston CROP Walk. **Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty.** For over 60 years community-based and interfaith groups have joined forces to help fight hunger and poverty locally and internationally. An ELEVEN member GFC leadership team is needed.



**Each ONE Bring ONE** – If you are truly feeling the Mission 1 spirit, please bring ONE frozen turkey on Sunday, November 6 for Christian Community Action's Thanksgiving freezer.



**Heifer International Project** – Our Sunday School will procure (at least) ELEVEN hens which is ELEVEN eggs every day! Or, perhaps a heifer that will provide milk for ELEVEN people each day, for a needy family through Heifer International.



**Team 11** – Choose ONE of the ELEVEN agencies with which GFC has an affiliation (Burroughs Community Center, Mercy Center, Homes for Hope, Bridgeport & Norwalk Emergency shelters, Pivot House, CCA, Domestic Violence Center, McGivney Center, Indian Gospel Mission, Council of Churches of Bridgeport, Simply Smiles) and pledge ELEVEN service hours per individual or family or team...or shall we go for 111 or 1111 hours as a church?!

**Mission 1: Challenge** – What is YOUR idea?





**SOPHIA'S CIRCLE** surveyed the women of the church in September to find out if their needs are being served by our programming. The quantitative results are as follows: of the twenty-three responses that were received,

- 74% said they had attended a Sophia event.
- 68% are looking for a combination of spiritual, social and educational content, while 36.4% are looking for spiritual content, 22.7%, for social content, and 18 % for educational content.
- 68% prefer evening offerings, 41% prefer mornings, 54% prefer afternoons, 63% prefer weekends, 59% prefer weekdays, and 27% prefer overnight events.
- With regard to retreats, 100% said they liked daylong retreats in the local area, while 44% of those individuals also like the idea of overnight retreats at retreat center in Connecticut.
- When it came to a question about babysitters, 5 of 7 respondents who answered this question said that babysitters would positively impact their attendance.

Qualitative data was also elicited and is currently being analyzed. Most comments made by respondents were very positive. There were also some excellent suggestions that will be seriously considered by the Planning Board for winter and spring programming. The Board meets on November 27<sup>th</sup> and will review all the rich data gleaned from this survey.

Sophia's Circle is grateful for the excellent assistance with Survey Monkey given to us by Ashley Welker. We are also grateful to all those who answered the survey. The information you have given us is valuable and will be used to guide us in future programming.

We have also held two gatherings so far this fall: the Sophia Open House at Carolyn Twiname's home on September 27<sup>th</sup>, and the October Shore Stroll at the Sherwood Island Pavilion on October 20<sup>th</sup> hosted by Jo Ann Davidson and Joanne Reeves. Both of these events were well attended, offering the women of GFC the opportunity to gather for Christian fellowship and spiritual enrichment. These pictures tell the story about how these gatherings are valued and enjoyed by women of the church. (See pictures on opposite page.)

Now, we look forward to *Thanksgiving Blessings* on Wednesday, November 16 at 7:30 PM at Maren Hood's home, overlooking the Sound in Darien. This is always a wonderful evening, when we gather in Christian fellowship to give thanks for all the blessings in our lives.



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**THE WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP** is well into 1 Chronicles, discovering again the valuable part that King David played in the formative years of Israel. We see the painstaking formation of the theocracy, with the methodical assignment of roles and the detailed attention to the laws laid down by God. The people had plenty of experience with breaking the law of God; but in King David, they had a leader who could unify them around their belief in God, one that they would follow and obey. But the going was not all easy, as we are discovering, and now, as Solomon assumes the throne with great hope, we watch as he, too, falters and the unified Kingdom is again endangered.

Come and visit this lively group of women who are having such a good time exploring the Old Testament; we have now even instituted 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday lunches out, following our group meeting. It's never too late to think about coming to Thursday morning Study Group. Contact [Diana Mrotek](#).

**PRAYER CIRCLES** are meeting regularly to pray for our families, friends and the congregation's needs. Recently, we have welcomed Betsy Blomfield to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Circle; perhaps it is time for you to think about joining a Circle, too. It takes less than an hour of your time, once a month. Please arrange to visit one of the Circles by contacting one of the leaders: [Diane Parrish](#), [Jeff Rider](#), or [Diana Mrotek](#).

### SEPTEMBER OPEN HOUSE



### OCTOBER SHORE STROLL





## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### SPIRITUAL GYM

The Spiritual Gym continues into November to keep your mind and heart alert before the onslaught of Christmas. Through November 20, we will be considering the Gospel of John in all its richness and complexity. But don't let the complexity throw you. Like a wild country with an able guide, Dan England, you will experience vista and gorges you've never encountered before. And with faithful traveling companions (the people who come to this Bible Study are among the cleverest people on earth) it will be an adventure worth your time and money (actually there is no money involved -- it comes free with your pledge. This is called cross-media saturation). Anyway, do come, 8:45 am on Sundays.



### **THIS ADVENT SEASON – WHY NOT KEEP THE COMING BIRTH OF CHRIST UPPERMOST IN YOUR MIND AND HEART?**

To help you feel the peace, love and joy that only  
Christ can bring...

Plan to attend a special time of study and discussion led by  
Diana Mrotek and John Twiname

For four Sunday mornings, beginning the Sunday  
after Thanksgiving

November 27<sup>th</sup> in the Parlor at 9:00 a.m.

(Child Care available on request)



Join us for the Annual Interfaith  
Thanksgiving Service on Sunday,  
November 20th, 4PM at the  
Conservative Synagogue on  
Hillspoint Road, Westport.

# NEW MEMBERS

## October 23, 2011



Brandi & David (absent) Briggs  
Emerson & William



Cindy Cornell  
Kerry



Meghan & Todd Halky  
Kiera, Dylan & Justin



Claudia & Michael Haizmann  
Charlotta



Karen Lexow



Gail and Matt Smith  
Carrie, Samantha & Katherine



Green's Farms Nursery School families enjoyed a wonderful Pancake Breakfast and Halloween Parades last month! Now that the holidays are in full swing, we look forward to another festive month!

It is hard to believe it is application time already at GFNS! The Applications and Placement Process documents for 2's, 3's and 4's are available in the school office or via email through [director@gfns.org](mailto:director@gfns.org).

The initial placement process for applications for children who have attended (or whose siblings have attended) GFNS will begin on Wednesday, November 16 with postmarks dated on or before Monday, November 14 processed first. Applications received subsequently will be processed on a day-by-day basis through Tuesday, November 22. Thereafter, we will process applications for children of families new to GFNS, beginning Wednesday, November 30 with applications postmarked on or before, Monday, November 28.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office at 203-227-9363. Thank You!



New to Green's Farms Church?? Or, have you been worshipping here a while and want to know more about membership?? Join us for these upcoming information sessions: **Sunday, November 6**, immediately after worship, **Wednesday evening, November 9** at 7:00 PM (includes light supper) and **Sunday, November 13**, immediately after worship. All sessions meet in the parlor. Childcare is available, just let us know in advance. **New members will be received on Sunday, November 20.**

Please contact Rev. Jeffrey Rider at 203-227-2728 or [jeffreyrider@mac.com](mailto:jeffreyrider@mac.com), to ask questions or let us know that you plan to attend. On behalf of the Membership and Community Department, we look forward to seeing you!

**PEOPLE NEWS**



We pray for the Rider family as they mourn the loss of Jeff's father, Donald Powell Rider; for Diane Goss Farrell and her family as they mourn the death of Diane's father, Donald Carpenter Goss; and for the family of Virginia Clark, long time member who died in October.

We pray for healing and support for our brothers and sisters in faith: Marge Allen, September Bigelow, Betsy Blomfield, Norman Blomfield, Carol Brown, Gail Calandra, Henry Chilton, Walter Eads, Roger Eickhoff, Ethel Ferenc, Tony Fiore, Carol Goetz, Margot Hayward, Emma Kriewald, George Lenfest, Jonathan Miller, Brad Myers, Annette Nielsen, Lori Redmer, Charlie Raymond, Walt Schlenker, Bickie Shull, Ford Slater, Lillian Smith, George Taylor, Charlie Watson, and David Hanson Wright.

We celebrate with Tom and Maren Hood on the birth of their granddaughter, Amelia; and with Nina and Brad Card on the birth of their son, Leon Patrick.



**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS and CHRISTMAS MUSIC FUND**

If you would like to contribute toward the Christmas Decoration and/or Music Fund, please complete the following form and return it with your check by **Sunday, December 11th.**

Donations to the 2011 Decoration Fund help us to continue our custom of decorating the Meetinghouse with greens and poinsettias. Donations to the 2011 Christmas Music Fund will help support the Green's Farms Music ministry for Advent Music and Christmas Eve Services.

Checks should be made out to Green's Farms Church. Thank you for your generosity.



\_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Decorations in the Meetinghouse

\_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Music



I would like the following dedication in the Church program;

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_












**Did we miss your birthday? Let us  
know— 203-227-2728**

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| Nov 1  | Allison Constantine<br>Garrett Myers<br>Andrea Register<br>Charlie West<br>Jacob West | Nov 11 | Sally Eidman<br>Cameron Howe<br>Mark Muller                      |
| Nov 2  | Kate Beispel<br>Paris Cheffer<br>Kari Flicker<br>Stephanie Garcia                     | Nov 12 | Helen Ranholm  |
| Nov 3  | John Breen<br>Michelle Esteva<br>Patrick McNeela                                      | Nov 13 | Emerson Briggs   |
| Nov 4  | Gavin Beatty<br>Regan Cucinell<br>Rita Guinta<br>Steve Randich                        | Nov 14 | James Burke  |
| Nov 5  | Karen Atkins<br>Lisa Laudico<br>Elyse Schultz   | Nov 16 | Kalina Kinyon  |
| Nov 6  | Kate Collins<br>Will Six<br>Carol Soennichsen   | Nov 17 | Lisa Bowman<br>John Donovan                                      |
| Nov 7  | Kelly Daut  | Nov 18 | Bob Atkins   |
| Nov 8  | Jessica Duranko<br>John Durkin<br>Kathryn Gau<br>Matthias Laudico                     | Nov 19 | Dylan Middlebrook<br>Elizabeth Steffen                           |
| Nov 9  | Michael McIntosh<br>Merrill Moccia  | Nov 20 | Wendy Barrows<br>Joan Burgess<br>Elaine Long                     |
| Nov 10 | Jack Melhuish<br>Maggie Miller  | Nov 21 | Wes Beeler<br>Susie Daut   |
|        |   | Nov 22 | Claire England<br>Abby Heirtzler<br>Sally McNeela<br>Bob Sherley |
|        |   | Nov 24 | Rick Bonti   |
|        |   | Nov 25 | Lura Paschal   |
|        |   | Nov 26 | JoAnne LaBella   |
|        |   | Nov 27 | Julie DiMiceli<br>Harry Hlawitschka<br>Dominic Shey              |
|        |   | Nov 28 | Ava Beatty<br>Jamie Pendry<br>Laura Rachinsky                    |
|        |   | Nov 29 | Margaret Allen   |
|        |   | Nov 30 | Isabelle Breen<br>Charley Raymond<br>Kevin Walker                |

# NOVEMBER

## THE STEEPLE CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
			5:00 PM Gillespie	10:00 AM Women's Study Group 11:30 AM Prayer Mtg 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal		Daylight Savings Time Ends  Turn clocks back before going to bed!
<b>All Saints' Day</b> 6 <b>Mission 1 Sunday</b> 9:00AM Choir 9:00 AM Spiritual Gym 9:00 AM Child Care 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Social Hour 11:00 AM Inquirers' Series	7 11:30 AM Deacons' Mtg	<b>ELECTION DAY</b>  <b>VOTE</b> 7:30 PM Outreach	9 7:00 PM Inquirers' Light Supper	<b>10</b> 10:00 AM Women's Study Group 11:45 AM Prayer Mtg 5:00 PM <i>Icthus</i> Dinner with Pivot House 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b> <b>VETERANS DAY</b> 	<b>12</b>
<b>Stewardship Sunday</b> 13 9:00 AM Choir 9:00AM Spiritual Gym 9:00AM Child Care 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Social Hour 11:00 AM Inquirers' Series	<b>14</b> <b>Steeple Deadline</b>	<b>15</b> 7:30 PM Trustees	<b>16</b> 7:30 PM GFNS Board Mtg 7:30 PM Sophia's Circle	<b>17</b> 8:30 AM Fairfield West Church & Ministry 10:00 AM Women's Study Group 11:30 AM Prayer Mtg 7:00 PM Icthus to West 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b> 5:00 PM Gillespie Center	<b>19</b>
<b>Consecration/ Thanksgiving Sunday</b> 20 <b>New Members</b> 9:00 AM Choir 9:00 AM Spiritual Gym 9:00 AM Child Care 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Social Hour 4:00 PM Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:30 PM Church Council	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Office Closed</b>  <b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>First Sunday in Advent</b> 27 9:00 AM Choir 9:00 AM Advent Series 9:00 AM Child Care 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Social Hour	9:00 AM GFNS Book Fair	9:00 AM GFNS Book Fair	9:00 AM GFNS Book Fair	<b>30</b> 10:30 AM Membership	 <b>NOVEMBER</b>	

# Worship Schedule

**November 6 Service of Memorial & Thanksgiving**

**Communion & Mission 1 Food Sunday**

10:00 a.m. Rev. Jeffrey P. Rider preaching

**November 13 Stewardship Sunday**

10:00 a.m. Rev. Sarah Verasco preaching

**November 20 Consecration &**

**Thanksgiving Sunday**

**New Members**

10:00 a.m. Rev. Jeffrey P. Rider preaching

**November 27 Thanksgiving Weekend**

**First Sunday of Advent**

10:00 a.m. Rev. Daniel England preaching



**Donations for weekly altar flowers & steeple lighting:**

Contact the church office at 203-227-2728

**Steeple Deadline for the December edition is November 14**

Email articles to [jlabella@greensfarmschurch.org](mailto:jlabella@greensfarmschurch.org)

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